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THE SPINELESS EDITOR

The editor who tries to run a newspaper to please everybody all the time is a fool and a menace to society, and the sooner he is put into the asylum for the feeble-minded, the better it will be for all concerned. No two people have the same idea of what a paper is for, or what it should contain. Some want the editor to tell the truth about them, while others would lick him if he did; some kick if his name appears in the paper, and others have an insatiable desire for newspaper notoriety; some want the churches roasted and some want the paper to come out and raise hob with everything that savors of opposition to the churches; and some even go so far as to ask the editor to take up their private grievances and lambast the tar out of the other fellow through the columns of the paper. And that's the way it goes. They get the notion that the paper is a public institution, and that the editor is a public servant, subject to their beck and call. The editor is to blame for this because he tries to please everybody. That's why, as a rule, he has that hungry, hunted look. He hasn't sized humanity up right, else he would realize that they are bound to mistake his generosity of spirit and broadness of mind for stupidity. The most successful editors in the country are the fellows who run the papers to suit themselves, and tell the outsiders to go to the other place.—Exchange.

When that bill before the Utah legislature, making it a misdemeanor to bear false witness to the press, becomes a law, the Salt Lake Tribune suggests it will be a common thing to see politicians doing time in the penitentiary for "circulating campaign bomb shells." Mebbe so.

That committee appointed to probe into the steel trust may steal silently away before they are thoroughly initiated into such a snap job.

"The people of southern Nye (he means Ireland) are behind Messrs. Taitman and Kane to a man, in their efforts to secure home rule for them."—Rhyolite Bulletin.

The writer of the above is thought to have been dreaming he was back in old Ireland fighting for home rule when he penciled the above. In such case we can forgive him.

Tonopah has had a siege of "late mail epidemic" for the past two weeks on account of floods. Now the scene has shifted to the middle west, where the heavy snow storms have made schedule time on railroads out of the question.

Bakersfield was looking for a little free advertising when she offered \$50,000 for the Jeffries-Johnson fight. That town would get all the free dope she could stand were the fight promoters disposed to accept the proffer—for the reason it is quite doubtful if her enterprising citizens would "come through with the cash."

THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

Summary of Doings of the Legislative Body in Carson.

(By Special Correspondence.)

CARSON, Feb. 1.—The legislature has now been in session two weeks, of five days each, having on two occasions adjourned from Friday to Monday. The apparent purpose of this double holiday is to give the members and attaches an opportunity to go to Reno for a "week end," as the Reno papers term it. Just exactly what these "week ends" mean no official information is vouchsafed; but the opinion hereabouts is that the gay bucks are on pleasure bent; that the metropolis offers a more alluring market in which to spend their salary money, than does this sedate village. Local resorts have, of course, a kick coming on the procedure, but this is said to be an old, time honored custom, and as Carson citizens are wedded to precedent, being mostly old-timers from away back, they calmly submit to the indignity—don't even demand that the railroad commission put a stop to the Virginia and Truckee's practice of selling round trip tickets for half price.

These first two weeks of the present session have served very well for the alignment of factions. This alignment, of course, refers to the rift within the Democratic party, as Republicans are not sufficiently numerous in either house to offer excuse for factional segregation. They can only do a term as "lookers on in Venice," with no wand then a chance to offer pertinent criticism on the acts of the dominant party that can be distinctly heard by the dearly beloved constituents at home. As has before been stated in this correspondence, the Democrats have de-

clined—wisely, from the standpoint of machine politics to settle all their family differences in secret caucus. This caucus has further determined that the party shall make good platform promises, reiterated in the governor's message. And right there is where the split occurs in the party of the great unwashed, untried reformers. The elder statesmen, mentioned above, resent this suggestion of reform, as a reflection on their regime of the past, distant and recent. "The new blood in Nevada," as the reformers are pleased to designate themselves, are in the majority and are going to do things. If anyone thinks differently, let him forget it. The relative strength of the two wings was displayed in the vote for speaker; when Ham Allen, who has been coming to the Nevada legislature and cutting much ice, ever since the surrounding hills were deep, dark ravines, received a fraction less than one vote to Giffen's two.

Governor Dickerson is the undisputed leader of the new blood element, and a wise, crafty leader he is proving himself to be, too; full of guile and tact; no big stick or similar club. Only once or twice it has happened that some insurgent needed an object lesson in discipline and the governor has revealed the existence of the iron fist beneath the velvet glove.

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"THE HOLY CITY" PROMISES GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

There is nothing so convincing to the people as to be dead in earnest. Three years ago, when Clarence Bennett first produced his great and successful play, "The Holy City," ministers were inclined to doubt the propriety or morality of a Bible play on so sacred a subject, some going so far as to brand it, unheard, as a sacrilege. But, upon the author's earnest invitation to them to visit it, their denunciations were turned to praise, and they have become its highest eulogists, and often solicit and advise their parishioners to see the play, declaring it the most vivid and lifelike lesson on the life and time of John the Baptist and our Savior that has ever been presented in this country. It is not a tiresome, long drawn out sermon, but a great play, telling a really beautiful heart story. There is no man or woman so depraved but that will bow the head in reverence, when he hears his tiny child lisp "Now I lay me down to sleep." So it is with this beautiful play. While it does not contain one laugh, the lightest and most frivolous or the most hardened and sinful are held entranced and spell-bound. It commands reverence, it does not ask it. Its earnest realism thrills us whether we will or not.

There is always some reason for success. In this age of commercialism, everything must have some real merit in it to be a lasting success. Anything must be worth one's time and money, or the public will soon relegate it to the rubbish pile. This is as true of plays as of everything else. They must be real, sterling, sound and solid value to have a long continued success. The ever-growing triumph of Clarence Bennett's "The Holy City," which has so completely distanced all other religious plays and has so endeared itself to the American theater-going public, tells its own story of the triumph of real merit and true worth. It is the play of the century. "One of the few, the immortal plays that were not born to die!" Its auditors pronounce it the greatest play they have ever seen. I have no rival, no competitor! The theater goers of this city will have the opportunity of witnessing this powerful play at the Pavilion theater this evening and tomorrow evening.

MOTION FILED TO SET ASIDE COURT DECREE

In district court yesterday afternoon attorneys for defendants in the case of the Fairview Round Mountain Mines company, a corporation, vs. the Round Mountain Hydraulic Mining company, a corporation, Round Mountain Dams Mining company, a corporation, J. F. Stebbins and F. W. Dixon, made a motion for an order to strike from the files and records of the court the conclusions, final decree and judgement filed at the office of the clerk of the court on January 11, 1909, and for an order of the court declaring the same to be of no force and effect as the findings were filed by J. P. O'Brien after his term of district judge had expired and at that time he was not judge of the Fifth judicial district.

In the findings of Judge O'Brien, which he filed at the office of the clerk of the court after he had left the judicial bench, he gave a decision in favor of plaintiffs, giving them inches of water flowing in Jefferson title to a certain amount of miners son creek at Round Mountain. The case was heard during the month of December.

KIDNAPING AVERTED.

A special dispatch received from Millers last evening stated that when the news of the marriage of Phil Lightfoot to Miss Birdie Quillian was announced in that city a posse was immediately organized and when the newly married couple arrive this morning there is a chance that Lightfoot will be kidnaped and held in captivity until he explains why he did not have the ceremony performed at Millers, so that the town would have a chance to be present and kiss the bride. The Millersites have completed the furnishings of the house that Lightfoot and his bride will reside in and have also prepared an extensive program which will be presented this evening.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

MIZPAH HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Boykin, city; E. M. Forster, New York; W. S. Gresson, Millers; C. M. Goodyear, Salt Lake; S. F. Lindsay, Rhyolite; J. A. Saunders, Manhattan; Nell McLean, Millers; W. V. Richardson, city; James E. Conners, Manhattan; Mrs. Parnell Park, Millers; C. E. Riley, San Francisco; J. E. Hogan, F. T. Westfall, city; J. Vincent Shaw, Rhyolite; Mr. and Mrs. H. Oleson, Goldfield; J. Roy Amphlett, Millers; Corline Snider, city; Alex. Cameron, Reno; P. H. Lightfoot and wife, Millers.

PALACE HOTEL

C. S. Levy, San Francisco; J. L. Kelly, C. L. Shuppy; E. T. Sausser, Frank Knowles, Round Mountain; J. K. Chambers, Manhattan B. C. Diggs, Coaldale; Albert Wearing, Liberty; J. W. McCann, Belmont; J. L. Havens, Goldfield; W. M. Bryant, A. T. Cable, O. C. Reed, Round Mountain.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

A marriage license was issued yesterday at the county clerk's office to P. H. Lightfoot of Millers and Bertha Quillian of this city.

F. G. Waterhouse, who has spent the past several days in the Pioneer district looking after business matters, came back from the south yesterday.

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